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Applicant : Fischer, *et al.*  
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**OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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MAILSTOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed May 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this submission.

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